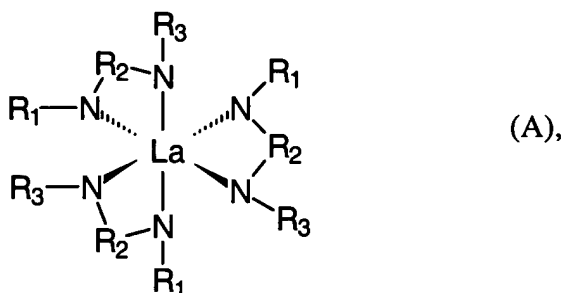ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Lanthanum compounds are provided having general formulas (I) $R_n^{i+} Y_i^{n-}$ and (II) $R_b^+ Y_b^-$ which may be used as medicaments in the prophylaxis and/or treatment of cancer diseases. In formula (I), R is a group of general formula (A):

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$$
\begin{array}{c}
R_3 \\
\mid \\
R_2\!-\!N \qquad N\!-\!R_1 \\
R_1\!-\!N\!\cdots \quad \mid \quad \cdots N \\
\qquad\qquad R_2 \\
\qquad La \\
R_3\!-\!N \qquad N \\
\qquad R_2\!-\!N \qquad R_3 \\
\qquad\qquad \mid \\
\qquad\qquad R_1
\end{array}
\qquad (A),
$$

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and in general formula (II) R_b is a group of general formula (B):

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\begin{array}{c}
R_3' \\
\mid \\
R_2'\!-\!N \qquad N\!-\!R_1' \\
R_1'\!-\!N\!\cdots \quad \mid \quad \cdots N \\
\qquad\qquad R_2' \\
\qquad La \\
R_3'\!-\!N \qquad N \\
\qquad R_2'\!-\!N \qquad R_3' \\
\qquad\qquad \mid \\
\qquad\qquad R_1'
\end{array}
\qquad (B).
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